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A large crowd was in attendance at the January meeting, to enjoy the educational paper prepared and read by Mr R N Flint. His subject was "Suggestions as to Searching for Genealogical Data" The paper dealt with sources of information in a fascinating manner, covering a large mass of material, and laying particular stress on the value of correct place names and preserving family traditions.

Mrs Clarence L Beavis, our Corresponding Secretary, has placed in our files the record of a private Cemetery, on the J Remington farm, Brutus Township, Cayuga County, New York, containing the inscriptions of EDMUNDS and BOWEN families buried there.

Miss Mabel Keech calls our attention to several volumes on file in the Reference Room on the second floor of our Library, "Annual Register of Great Britain", containing with other valuable historical data, records of births, marriages and deaths, dating back to the early 1700's Miss Keech will be in Chicago during the next six weeks or so, and will be glad to make searches in the Newberry Library for interested parties, for a nominal fee. Address her at Centerville, Mich

Mr Theodore G Foster, Corresponding Secretary of the Michigan Genealogical Society, Lansing, Mich offers his aid to our members We extend our thanks to Mr Foster for his kind offer

Our Editor, Mrs Wm F Cleveland is convalescing in Grace Hospital from a recent operation, and has the best wishes of the entire society for a speedy recovery

We were all inexpressibly shocked at the sudden death of Osmond Dore Heavenrich, the husband of our good member, Mrs Carrie Van Schoick Heavenrich. He passed on, Sunday January 23, 1938, leaving beside his wife, a number of brothers and sisters. Services were held on the following Tuesday, burial being in Woodmere Cemetery

The meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Saturday, January 29th, in the 3rd Floor Club Room of the Main Library The meeting was well attended and besides the routine matters that were taken care of, all suggestions that were placed in the suggestion box at the last regular gathering of the Society, were acted upon

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

"I've often wished that I had clear,
For life, six hundred pounds a year;
A handsome house to lodge a friend;
A river at my garden's end;
A terrace walk, and half a rood
Of land set out to plant a wood."

So sang Jonathan Swift, and we would like to add:

With time to trim my family tree
And study Genealogy.

Did you ever enter a long dark tunnel and let your gaze center on the small dot of light away ahead of you at the other end of the passage-way? What a small opening you think. How will we ever find room to emerge from the cavernous tunnel through such a tiny diameter. Maybe we had better retrace our steps and not go farther. But let us try anyhow and see what happens. As we approach the other end, the opening widens before us like magic. Here then is ample space for our emergence and presently we are out in the bright sunlight again.

Genealogy is like that. In solving our problems, we are often tempted to go back, or give up entirely, thinking that the answer is buried deep in the tunnel of antiquity, and that we shall never find our way out. However by persistence, we find that the chances in our favor increase with our advance and presently the light of day floods in upon us and we are able to find that which we have so long sought.

Keeping everlastingly at it, is the price of Success.

Among the many Epitaphs that we have in our collection, we consider the following, taken from a tomb in Winchester Cathedral, to be quite unique. We pass it on to you for your enjoyment.

In memory of
Thomas Fletcher
A Grenadier in the North Regiment
of Hants Militia, who died of
a Violent Fever contracted by drinking
Small Beer when hot the 12th of May, 1764
Aged 26 years.

In grateful remembrance of whose universal good-will towards his comrades this stone is placed here at their cost as a small testimony of their regard and concern.

Here sleeps in peace a Hampshire Grenadier,
Who caught his death from drinking cold small-beer.
Soldiers, be wise from his untimely fall,
And when ye're hot, drink strong, or none at all.
This memorial being decayed, was restored by the officers
of the Garrison, A. D. 1781.
An honest soldier never is forgot,
Whether he die by musket or by pot.

And let us not forget that this is the birth month of the great Americans ----
Washington and Lincoln.

Harold E. Moyer

It is requested by the Board of Directors that the scope of the 'Suggestion Box' be enlarged. This may be accomplished by depositing therein, in addition to suggestions, any question that may arise, the answer to which would benefit a considerable number of our membership. Many questions occur to us from time to time and if we are able to share in the knowledge derived from their answers we will be fulfilling our obligation as members by asking for such answers.

Under date of January 8th, 1938 our member Mrs. Florence Spencer Whelan (W-2) writes: "This winter I have copied some old letters and legal papers that belonged to my great-grandfather, Obadiah Rogers, and am sending copies, to be credited to Abi Evans Chapter, D A R. of which I am a member, to the Burton Library, to State Library at Lansing, and to the D.A.R. Library at Washington. These letters contain 703 names of people who were relatives or friends of Obadiah Rogers, in Hardwick and New Braintree, Mass., and in Lenawee Cty., Mich. Some of the letters were written by Obadiah's son who went to California in the "Gold Fever" days and contain much of interest of those days. I hope to have these in the hands of the Libraries by March 1st."

This is splendid work and should be emulated by all of our members who are in a position to do a like task.

NEW MEMBERS:

C-20	CLARK, Mrs. Ernest G., 45 Forest St., Pontiac, Mich.	24203
K-8	KEELER, Grace C., (Mrs. R. F.) 18 East 12th St., Holland, Mich.	9593
M-15	McCOMB, Mr. Charles Arthur, 7423 Churchill Ave.,	MA 8757
M-14	MORON, Celia Hasbrouck (Mrs. George W.) Marshall, Mich.	7129-F3

Change of Address.

R-6 Rowell, Miss Inez M., 106 Elm Street, Big Rapids, Mich.
 H-5 Heavenrich, Mrs. Osmond D., 1504 Greenwood Ave., Jackson, Mich.
 K-5 Keech, Miss Mabel Louise, permanent address, Centerville, Mich.
 W-2 Whelan, Mrs. Hoyt E., (temporary address) General Delivery, Enid, Okla.

Many members are making inquiries about the new stationery, and are asking if it is available for general use. The Board of Directors has decided that Society Stationery is for the exclusive use of the Officers and Committee Heads and is not intended for private use. We think that the reasons for this are perfectly obvious.

NOTICE: All delinquent members are urged to send in their dues at once, so that their names may be published in the list of members in good standing which is shortly to appear. By order of the Board of Directors.

NOTICE: PLEASE study the form, style and wording of the questions and answers in this Bulletin, and send your own queries in the same style. This will save considerable time for the Editors in rewriting queries and answers. Be brief and concise, but give all information possible.

THE SONG OF GENEALOGY

On the street called Woodward Avenue,
On the north side of old Putnam
And the south side of old Kir-bee,
On the west side of the east side,
Andee Kar nay gee, the Scotsman,
Helped us found our Public Library,
That we built from blocks of marble
Taken from the Eastern quarry,
The same quarry where were chiseled,
Slabs to make our grand-pap's tombstone,
With its quaint, hand-carved inscription,
Standing since the Revolution

On the third floor of the building,
With its stair hid from the climber,
And its lift of water power,
Through a labyrinth of hallways,
Is a doorway or an entrance
To a room chock full of tables,
Chairs and desks and shelves of volumes,
Volumes full of weighty writings,
Full of names from Massachusetts,
And the tribes of all New England,
Where the thirteen statelets cluster,
On the shores of the Big Water

Should you ask me, "Whence these listings,
Whence these many county histories,
(With their odor of the farm land
And the curling smoke of wigwams,)
With their endless repetitions
And their multiple evasions,
Even as in cross-word puzzles?"
I should answer, I should tell you,
"From the hand of Clarence Burton
Came to us this great collection,
With its legends and traditions
Of the peoples of our country

Telling tales of Westward marches,
Hardships, struggles, living, dying,
Telling how the race was anchored
In the cities of our nation "
If still further you should ask me,
Saying "Whence this crowd of people
In the library of Burton
Tell us why they all are seeking
Knowledge from the stacks of volumes,
Why they bow their heads in silence
Writing always in their ring-books?"
I should answer you as follows:

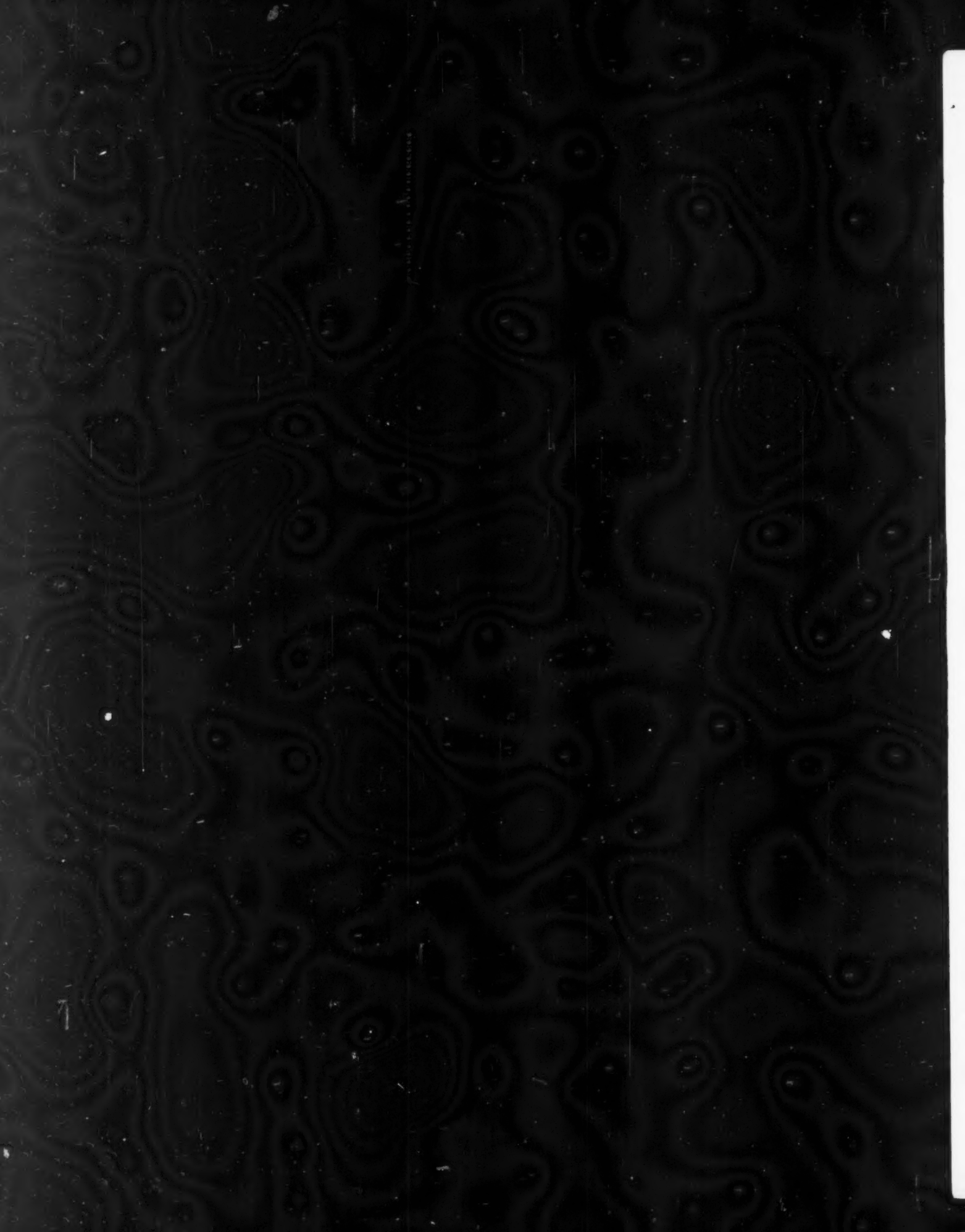
"Here they seek (for many reasons)
Learning of ancestral totems,
Lore of all their forebears' families,
Thus to finish up the records,
So the future generations
May distinguish them and know them
And the knowledge they obtain there
Is immense and oft surprising,
Yielding many a thrilling moment,
Ever getting close and closer
To the goal of their ambition
Finding of the entire story

Here great Uncle El e a zer,
Slit his neighbor with a razor,
Seventh Cousin Jedediah
Married Cousin Ann Sabria
And great great grandpap Gideon,
Waved his sword at Bennington,
Ziba, Truman and the rest
Went hunting Indians in the West,
While Carrie Belle and Abigail
Worked daily with the churn and flail,
Young Abner he was lost at sea,
In seventeen hundred forty three,

Prudence Ann, the little fool,
Took lessons in a ducking stool,
And pretty little Thankful Brown
Hanged as a witch in Salem town.
While Patience Phyllis Phebe Lee
Was baptised near Schenectady,
Aaron comes from early stock,
Who disembarked on Plymouth Rock
Simeon ran the first saw-mill
Across the road from Squire Will,
While Eunice and young Alanson,
Were dropped from church for "carryings-on."

Ezra, son of Asahel,
Brewed the first ale at Dingley Dell;
Here lies our Robert, twenty four,
Done to death by a wild boar
Sir Reginald that doughty wight,
At Agincourt was dubbed a knight,
And Guilbert in the first crusade
Killed Turks with his Damascus blade,
Old Wilfred did a manly chore
By fighting with the Conqueror,
And Rolfe, once wedded to a Dane,
Was son to the great Charlemagne

So then, this is why the people
Daily flock unto the Burton,
With its shelves and stacks of volumes,
And its air so Dee ay ar ry,



With its courteous attendants,
 And its indices and records
 Ye who love a nation's legends,
 And the lore of family history,
 'Come, augment your education,
 Gather with the friendly seekers,
 Who will help you to unravel,
 All your knotty problems pronto'

Harold E. Moyer
 February 12, 1938

ANSWERS TO QUERIES

The Assistant Editor has on file answers to the following numbered Queries:
 54-3, 61-3, 31-3, 23, 3-1, 3-5, 7-3, 3-2, 53-1, 55-5, 38, 25-2, 48-2, 14-2,
 10-2, 37-2, 55-6, 25, 59-1, 60-1, all of which were furnished by Mr. Bacon Vaughn.
 Space does not permit of the publication of all these answers at this time, so all
 interested are asked to consult the Assistant Editor, Mr. Gordon P. Rothwell, who
 will be glad to furnish them on request.

QUERIES

70. CLISBY: C 6 wants information on James Clisby, b Newark, N. J., 1693-96, S of James Clisby and Elizabeth Burwell. Whom did he marry?
71. BALDWIN: C 6 wants parentage of Jane Baldwin, b 1722, d 1809, m Samuel Clisby of Newark & Elizabethtown, N. J. She had a B, Joseph Baldwin.
72. MORRIS: C 12 wants parentage and other information on Robert Morris, b N. Y. State, 1813, moved to Michigan 1842, settled on Muskegon River; a few years later came to Muskegon. Was part owner of Morris & Ryerson Mills, (Bay Mills). Had B, John, who m Lucinda Sackett, and S, Mrs. Jane Boggs. He d Grand Rapids, 1866.
73. WRIGHT: D-8 wants parentage of Levi Wright, who m Mary P. Carr, July 4, 1831, & they lived at Bear Lake, Freehold Co., Penna. Believe he had B, Stephen, & they were said to have come from Vermont. They may have been in Chenango Co., N. Y. about 1818.
74. PAGE: D 7 wants information about Stephen Page, F of James Page, b Apr. 11, 1815, (where?), m (1) Nellie Saxton, of Naples, New York, m (2) Apr. 2, 1850, Lucinda Loomis, of Cohocton, N. Y.
75. HUTCHINSON: M 3 wishes to contact Members familiar with the DYER descendants of Anne Marbury Hutchinson.
76. TROWBRIDGE: L-6 wishes information on the Trowbridge (1780) of Sheffield, Conn.
77. MONROE: L 6 wishes information on Cyrus Monroe, b Suffield ca. 1808, of Conn. or Mass.
78. MEDDAUGH: L 6 wishes information on the Meddaugh or Meddick family of N. J.
 MEDDICK: Penna. or N. Y.